(c) If so, how India allowed such sensitive photographs of defence establishments taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir. Federation of American Scientists showed in the press conference at New York on 16th May, 2000, satellite images of Defence Research Complex at Hyderabad.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) As the images were taken from Outer Space by a satellite, it is not illegal as per international laws and conventions.

State Human Development Reports

*64. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are assisting the State Governments who have decided to prepare their own State Human Development Reports (HDRs);

(b) if so, names of the State Governments who have decided to prepare their own HDRs and how much amount is provided to the States for the purpose, State-wise;

(c) the name of the State Governments who are yet to decide to have their own HDRs; and

(d) the reasons for their delay to decide?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) Yes, Sir. The Planning Commission is providing financial assistance to the State Governments that have decided to prepare their own State Human Development Reports (HDRs).

(b) So far nine State Governments have decided to prepare their HDRs. The names of the States and the amount of Additional Central Assistance (ACA) provided to them during 1998-99 and 1999-2000 are as follows:

1998-99		1999-2000	
State	Amount (Rs. in lakh)	State	Amount (Rs. in lakh)
Andhra Pradesh	25	Himachal Pradesh	17
Assam	20	Tamil Nadu	25
Arunachal Pradesh	20	Sikkim	6
Punjab	20	Rajasthan	12
Uttar Pradesh	25		

The State Governments of Madhya Pradesh and Karnataka have already prepared their HDRs without any assistance from the Planning Commission. In addition, the State Government of Goa, Gujarat and Orissa have also intimated their decision to prepare State HDR. However, no ACA has so far been provided for this purpose to these three States. The State Governments of Haryana and Jammu and Kashmir have sought certain clarifications on financial assistance before deciding to prepare their HDRs.

In addition to the ACA being provided by the Planning Commission, an UNDP Project entitled "Capacity Building for Preparation of State Human Development Reports" is being implemented since 1999-2000. Under this financial assistance to the State Governments is being routed through the Planning Commission

towards the cost of hiring the services of consultants as well as to organise State Level Workshops on HDRs. The States and the amounts provided to them are as follows:

1999-2000

(Rs. in lakh)

State	Amount
Himachal Pradesh	7.73
Tamil Nadu	2.49
Uttar Pradesh	10.20
Assam	2.38

(c) The State Governments that have not yet decided to prepare their own HDRs are Bihar, Haryana, Kerala, Maharashtra, West Bengal, Jammu & Kashmir, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura.

(d) The decision to prepare State HDR rests entirely with the State Governments. Planning Commission is not aware of the reasons for delay in deciding to prepare HDRs in respect of those States who have not yet embarked on preparation of HDRs.

Lack of Honesty in the Institutions and Legislatures

†*65. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the reaction of Government towards the news-item published on 1st July, 2000 in 'Punjab Kesri' under the caption "Sansthaon aur vidhyakon main Imandari ki kami";

(b) whether some facts are available with Government in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what efforts are being made by Government to prevent this evil?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.